

How to Prepare for Retirement of the Transition Policy

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What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

On December 20, 2022, Medi-Cal Rx announced the [90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older](#). In anticipation of the retirement of the Transition Policy, pharmacy providers and prescribers can plan ahead and take action!

Beneficiaries 22 years of age and older can be transitioned to covered alternatives that may not require a prior authorization (PA). If a covered alternative is not appropriate, providers can submit a PA to Medi-Cal Rx beginning February 24, 2023.



- Early submission of PA requests for beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger will not be accepted at this time.
- Early submission of PAs for enteral nutrition products will not be accepted at this time.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

1. Consider covered therapies that may not require a PA, if clinically appropriate.
 - a. Review the following:
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drugs Lists & Covered Products Lists](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Approved National Drug Code \(NDC\) List](#)
 - Prescribers: Refer to your ePrescribing application.

2. If a change in therapy is not appropriate, plan ahead! Submit PA requests beginning February 24, 2023.
 - a. Early PA requests can be submitted via the Medi-Cal Rx PA Submission Methods:
 - [CoverMyMeds®](#)
 - [Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal](#)
 - NCPDP P4 Transaction
 - Fax
 - U.S. Mail
 - b. Review PA resources by selecting the **Prior Authorization (PA)** tab on the [Forms & Information](#) page.
3. Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#).

Resources

For more information about Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement**.

For more information regarding the Pharmacy Transition Policy, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Pharmacy Transition Policy**.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.